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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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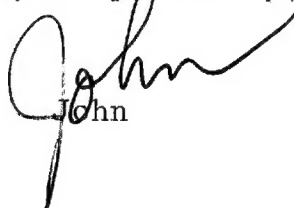
FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Format for State Meeting - 28 February 1978

You will be met on arrival at State by Bill Sergeant, State, L.A. Division; he will be your escort officer while there. The meeting will be in a large conference room, attended by 30-40 people. A list of those ambassadors that will be present is attached. You will be seated at a "T" shaped table, next to [REDACTED]. They have asked you to speak for approximately 15 minutes. You will be followed by two L.A. ambassadors who will speak for about 15 minutes (total). The remaining 15-30 minutes is set aside for discussion.

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Very respectfully,


John

attachment

Paul H. Boeher - Bogota Asencio Degio, Columbia
Davis E. Boster - Guatemala
John R. Burke - Georgetown, Guyana
Paul Castro - Buenos Aires, Argentina
Edward Corr - Quito, Ecuador
John H. Crimmins - Brazilia
Frank J. Devene - San Salvador
Richard J. Fox - Port of Spain, Trinidad
John Gawf - Belize, British Honduras
Robert Hurwitch - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Robert Irving - Kingston, Jamaica
Mari-Luci Jaramillo - Tegucigalpa, Honduras
William Jones - Port au Prince, Haiti
William Jorden - Panama
Lyle Lane - Havana, Cuba
George Landow - Santiago, Chile
Patrick Lucey - Mexico City
Frank Prtiz - Bridgetown, Barbados
Grover Penberthy - Curacao
Lawrence Pezzullo - Montevideo, Uruguay
Howard Robertson - Martinique
William Schwartz - Nassau
Harry Shlaudeman - Lima, Peru

Mauicio Solaun - Managua, Nicaragua

Viron Veky - Caracas, Venezuela

Robert White - Asuncion, Paraguay

Owen Zurkellen - Paramaribo, Surinam

Marvin Weissman - San Jose, Costa Rica

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I. Two major steps evolution of intell

1. 30 years ago - Sov - mil

- US dominant political power

independent economic power

only threat: Soviet military

- Policy makers interested in

o Soviet activities elsewhere

o Covert action capability

Iran 53, Guatemala 54,

Cuba 60's

- World changed

More countries -

L.A. import

More topics

Econ, narcotics - of interest to you in L.A.

2. Tech revolution needed to complement

More HUMINT

Open

Covert

M.I. threat not develop

II. Open

↳ DCD in U.S.

No solution in field

e.g., US businesses

*Embassies?
Example - oil*

2 Embassy role

Need way transmitting requirements w/o coopting foreign service

Suggestions

Don't want to pay price/risk of covert if overt available -

but must make Embassies aware of needs -

FOCUS exercise? effective?
(explain)

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III. Covert - How dovetail w/Embassy overt

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Fundamentally, the role of the Station, or [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is to collect needed foreign intelligence which cannot be acquired from open sources and which for various reasons is denied to US officials abroad. Examples:

RISK
COST

1. -- The intentions and capabilities of governments in denied areas -- primarily the USSR, Communist Bloc countries, Cuba, China, etc. This means that the Station in your country may be expending considerable time and effort on these high priority targets even though this nets you very little, if any, local political intelligence to assist you in the accomplishment of your mission. The same is true of other third-country information.
2. -- The intentions of terrorists. Since terrorists operate in a clandestine fashion, only by clandestine means can their plans be discovered.

3. -- The same is true of narcotics traffickers whose activities so harm the U.S. CIA collects strategic info on narcotics, not tactical. We report such things as local government policy toward poppy cultivation. DIA works at the tactical level.

4. -- ^{+ mil} Political and economic information deliberately withheld from U.S. officials by the host government. Foreign governments, protecting their own national interests, will sometimes withhold from the U.S. Ambassador and his staff political and economic information which the U.S. considers important or even vital to have. This could concern the host government's plans to embark on a nuclear weapons program, tactics they plan to use in negotiations with the U.S., new tax laws designed to avoid just recompense to U.S. investors, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. Political and economic intelligence, collectible only by the Station, is frequently fragmentary but essential to understand the true motives, exact timing, or the tactics of the host government in an initiative it plans which could affect the U.S.

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Usually the Station provides a missing piece
or pieces to a puzzle for which the Embassy
has already supplied and assembled most
of the picture. There should not be a
duplication of effort. Thus, the Station
is not in competition with the Embassy,
it is part of the team.

IV. Bear in mind also - DCI Intell Advisor to President

Policy free advice

Hope COS privy to your views

I'll call on him

In D.C. dedicated to divergent analyses/interpretation --

INR vs FNAC

I will encourage COS's to hold to divergent
views w/Ambas.

Keep you posted -- but neither clear nor
alter position.

Finally - must

Prepare for future

Lay seeds for next government

After all we are defenders of status quo and
in much world it's got problem, esp. L.A.

Covert action - controls - Perspectives

Risks --

Yes

But long run

But less than estimate

World leaders are realistic

We're good -- getting better

Reductions

V. Conclusion

- 1) Criticality Human reporting
- 2) Criticality Open reporting
- 3) Criticality Emb. reporting

(for finished intel - L.A. only)



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However -

- Each compliments the other
- Even a low return figure may include that info critical to understanding the problem

Tell COS - look in eye - tell can't
tell

Doors -

PAC -

Task -

Cover
FSOR
Morale

Fired
Congress &
covert

Pres ltr
Diff interpret
Untruth - uninstr
Guidelines